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Applicant(s):	BURTON et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1714
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For:	POLYMER COMPOSITIONS WITH BIOACTIVE AGENT, MEDICAL ARTICLES, AND METHODS			

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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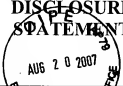
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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